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# The Wooster Voice

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*"They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself"*  
— Andy Warhol

## Cleveland exhibit has Wooster ties



Above, pictures of the "Vice, Virtue and Contraband" exhibit in Cleveland (Photo courtesy Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer).

**Alexandra DeGrandchamp**  
Senior Staff Writer

The Dittrick Medical History Center of Case Western Reserve University opened a new, permanent exhibit on the history of contraception Thursday, Sept. 17.

Assistant Editor of *Wooster* magazine Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer is the guest curator for "Vice, Virtue, and Contraband: A History of Contraception in America." She, along with Chief Curator of the Dittrick James Edmonson '73, worked with over 700 contraceptive items and photos to produce the exhibit. Meyer states the exhibit indicates that acquiring birth control "is not a new struggle ... faced by today's teens or couples." Furthermore, she adds, "the struggle has not ended." "Vice, Virtue, and

Contraband" both exhibits methods of birth control and explores "cultural issues of sexuality," according to Meyer.

The exhibit displays the collection of Percy Skuy, retired CEO of Janssen-Ortho, a contraceptive firm in Canada. Skuy, according to Meyer, began collecting older contraceptives when he was in marketing, as a method of luring potential buyers to visit Janssen-Ortho's booth during sales conventions. After realizing very few older methods of contraceptive were being preserved, "He got the bug," said Meyer. Skuy displayed his array of items, including over 400 examples of intra-uterine devices (IUDs), that he had collected throughout his career in Janssen-Ortho's headquarters. After Skuy's retirement, he sought a permanent home for the collection.

Meyer, Edmonson, and others on the museum's staff began the project in late 2005. According to Meyer, historians and archivists from across the country provided information and artifacts for "Vice, Virtue, and Contraband."

Working with the items amassed by Skuy, the Dittrick team added social context and history to the often-dangerous items of birth control used by women before the invention of the birth control pill.

The Dittrick currently displays over 100 objects from Skuy's personal collection as well as other items accumulated for the exhibit. The final product features 16 display cases, four of which were prepared by Meyer.

Items on display range from early forms of IUDs and "pessaries" to birth control items found in popular

culture to books from the Victorian era discussing sexual morality. Meyer described the objects fondly, admiring the "creativity" with which women approached birth control. The exhibit, for example, displays a small juicer glass used as a makeshift female condom (before the device shattered), as well as advertisements to use Lysol as a feminine douche/abortifacient. "Don't try this at home!" Meyer said.

Meyer considers the collection to have a "permanent life" at the Dittrick. Ideas for the future include lectures related to the exhibit, such as the opening talk delivered last Thursday by historian Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz of Smith College, a web presence and an illustrated book.

Meyer is one of the leading historians of contraceptive history and

the author of "Any Friend of the Movement, a history of the Planned Parenthood in Cleveland during the 1930s."

She has previously taught a First-Year Seminar at the College entitled "Vice, Virtue, and Contraband: Reforming Reproduction."

"Vice, Virtue, and Contraband" is sponsored in part by David '63 and Gayle Noble '86 of Wooster, as well as Skuy.

The Dittrick Medical History Center is located on the third floor of the Allen Memorial Medical Library at Case Western Reserve University, 11000 Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland. "Vice, Virtue, and Contraband" is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.cwru.edu/artsci/dittrick/site2/>.

## Sophomore class enjoys time off campus at yearly retreat



Professor of Communication and Dean of the Class of 2012 Denise Bostdorff was one of the presenters at the Sophomore Retreat last weekend (Photo courtesy David Small).

**Colleen O'Neil**  
Voice Staff

Every college student has a similar dilemma. We all wonder, What should I do with my life? Who am I, really? What should I major in? Do I really want to do that for the rest of my life? These questions may seem even more pronounced in the sopho-

more year. This past weekend, the sophomore retreat looked to answer these questions.

Each year, The College of Wooster sponsors the Sophomore Retreat for second-year students. This retreat helps students focus their ambitions, relax and come to terms with some of these difficult issues.

In the afternoon last Saturday,

members of the class of 2012 and select faculty members loaded onto buses to drive to Mohican Resort in Perrysville, Ohio. They arrived during the day at the scenic River Valley Resort and Conference Center. The students spent the weekend there to learn more about themselves and their futures. Throughout their time at Mohican, the students had many activities to occupy and stimulate

their minds.

After some opening remarks on Saturday evening, the students participated in some icebreakers and team-building activities. Then they focused on their Myers-Briggs personality test (the survey students take at the beginning of their first year to determine roommate compatibility). They analyzed their personality type in relation to choosing their majors and planning their life paths. Later, David Small '11 and Eva Hendrix-Shovlin '11, two upperclassmen, told about their academic paths so far in college.

Then the students learned about what many Wooster students go on to do after their undergraduate studies. Late Saturday night, the students had a campfire outside with marshmallows and s'mores.

On Sunday morning, they had an opportunity for some recreation. To unwind and work out the kinks of their long Saturday, the students did water aerobics, yoga, went on a bird-watching walk or found jogging trails. Later in the day, they explored the "speed dating" tables, which provided information about different resources here on campus. Some of these included academic programs, clubs, religious organizations, the Wellness Center and the career planning service.

Next, the discussions focused on the questions of identity, goals and obstacles. Small groups reflected on their futures and the ways in which they can plan them more effectively.

Before the retreat, the staff and faculty were asked to think about how they planned their academic lives and career paths. On Sunday afternoon, they told their stories to the students. To their surprise, the students found that their mentors were actually students at one time too. Some of them entered college as biology majors and then switched to philosophy. Others shirked homework assignments. One even followed his girlfriend across the world on a trip abroad.

Overall, the Sophomore Retreat's purpose is to help the sophomore class and put them at ease about their futures, however vague they may be. Some of the discussions focused around taking academic risks. Students were urged to try a new language, investigate new subjects and explore their interests, no matter how far-fetched.

In addition, the students learned about prioritizing their assignments and keeping up with academic demands. They also learned about focusing their efforts in order to accomplish their goals.

Many students found this retreat quite helpful. They had the opportunity to speak with their professors in a non-academic setting and speak with people outside of their usual departments. Students also enjoyed the change of scenery and beautiful surroundings of Mohican Resort. In the chaos of the academic year, the Sophomore Retreat provided a grounding escape from stress and anxiety.

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## BITE-SIZE NEWS

## CAMPUS

Wooster Symphony  
Orchestra's first concert

The Wooster Symphony Orchestra opens the new season tonight at 7:30 p.m., joining with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra in a concert titled "Exquisitely For Ella: A Songbook Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald." Music by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen will be featured.

The concert will be held at McGaw Chapel. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available in the The Wooster Book Company, Buehler's, Lowry Center Wilson Bookstore and at the door of the concert.

## LOCAL

Local murder case  
reaches convictions

Wayne County resident Barbara Raber was convicted guilty of the murder of Barbara Weaver on Tuesday. She faces up to a life in prison and will be sentenced Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Raber's attorney Assistant Public Director John Leonard attributed the murder to Weaver's husband Eli Weaver in his closing statements on Tuesday, stating that Eli Weaver used Raber to aid the crime and had already talked about killing his wife. Detectives testified, however, that Raber had confessed to killing Barbara Weaver.

Raber and Eli Weaver were both arrested June 10 and later charged with aggravated murder. Eli Weaver pled guilty on Aug. 17 and was sentenced this past Wednesday.

## NATIONAL

Health officials to end  
sale of flavored tobacco

Federal health officials intend to end the sale of flavored tobacco products in order to avoid luring children and teenagers into smoking. "Banning the marketing and use of strawberry, chocolate and other flavored cigarettes will help slow the rate of addiction among smokers, preventing disease and saving millions in health care costs down the line," Senator Tom Harkin told the New York Times.

This ban is the first major action against smoking since the Food and Drug Administration was given authority to regulate tobacco three months ago. Under this law, the agency has the authority to regulate marketing and manufacture of tobacco products but not ban them entirely. Starting in January, manufacturers will submit information to the agency about ingredients and additives used, and by July tobacco products will not be allowed to use terms such as "light," "low" or "mild."

## WORLD

General requests more  
troops for Afghanistan

In a report to President Barack Obama, United States Army General Stanley McChrystal urged that the U.S. either send more troops to Afghanistan or narrow the mission to targeting terrorists.

McChrystal told the Washington Post that success with the current mission requires overcoming the "crisis of confidence" Afghans have in their own government and that "insufficiently addressing either principal threat will result in failure." The president responded in interviews this previous weekend that he is not yet convinced that sending more troops would make Americans safer from Al Qaeda. Obama noted that his primary goal is to destroy Al Qaeda, which is not significantly present in Afghanistan.

— Bites compiled by Charles Horenstein

## CORRECTIONS

The Party on the Green photos in the Arts section of last week's issue should have been attributed to Andrew Collins. An editor erred.

While we strive for excellence every week, we, too, sometimes fall short. Please send your corrections to [voice@wooster.edu](mailto:voice@wooster.edu).

## Kristof discusses global oppression of women

Andrew Vogel  
Editor in Chief

According to an old Chinese proverb, women hold up half the sky. Looking at the immense problems around the globe like global warming and a worldwide economic recession, half the sky is already falling. According to New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, the key to lifting the sky back up will rely on the worldwide empowerment of women.

Following the opening appearance of best-selling author Tracy Kidder at the first lecture of the 2009 Wooster Forum, the College brought the Pulitzer-prize winning columnist to campus last Tuesday as part of its continuing series titled "Global Citizens: Turning Passion into Action."

Kristof is the most accomplished lecturer brought to the College since fellow Times columnist David Brooks was brought to campus three years ago as part of the 2006 Wooster Forum series. Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, also a Times columnist, were awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1990 for their coverage of China's Tiananmen Square democracy movement. Kristof was awarded a second Pulitzer prize in 2006 for his columns on the genocide in Darfur.

Kristof's discussion, however, focuses not on his previous work and accomplishments, but on his brand new book that he has published with his wife, "Half the Sky." The subtitle of the book is "Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." This theme centered his discussion on Tuesday evening as he described seeing the mistreatment and exploitation of women and girls in his two decades of reporting in Asia and Africa.

Kristof described that to fully understand — and subsequently solve — problems in developing countries, it is necessary to look at these issues through a gendered lens. "The central moral challenge in the 19th century was slavery. In the 20th century, it was totalitarianism. In this century, it is the oppression

of women and girls throughout the world," said Kristof.

In these poor and developing areas, unequal access to education, health care and food is a staple of everyday life. The statistics are staggering. Boys are twice as likely to receive vaccination as girls, and the mortality rate of girls ages one through five is twice as high. "It's characteristic that when there's not enough food to go around, the boys are fed while the girls are starved," said Kristof.

When addressing development problems in these areas, raising the standard of living for women has to be part of the equation. "If you want to confront poverty and extremism, the most effective way is to bring education to women and girls, and bring them into the formal economy," he said.

In countries that have few resources to begin with and are hoping to further economic and political development, not including the contributions of women is simply not an option. Kristof cited Bill Gates, a philanthropist and the founder of Microsoft, when he said that countries cannot hope to develop in a sustainable manner if "they do not utilize half the talent in the country."

Kristof relayed stories that seemed other-worldly to the audience comprised of privileged college students with the opportunity of attending a private liberal arts school with tuition upwards of \$40,000. Kristof described the story of a 13-year-old in Cambodia who had been sold to a brothel by her step-father. The girl had been joyously reunited with her mother, but in the end was not able to return home. The reason? The brothel owner had paid good money for the girl, and the mother did not have enough money to buy her own child back from him.

The problem in these countries doesn't rest solely on the domineering shoulders of men. The owner of the brothel Kristof visited in Cambodia was actually a woman. Kristof later shared that more than half the brothels owned in Cambodia are owned by women. The root of the problem isn't as simple as



New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof spoke to members of the Wooster community (Photo by Maureen Sill).

we may think. "There's tendency to think the problem is oppressive men, but it's more complex than that," said Kristof.

There are signs of hope. Kristof explained that as part of the U.S. Department of Justice's attempt to crack down on human trafficking around the world, progress is being made. This of course hasn't stamped out the problem but through human rights initiatives, situations are improving. Kristof relayed in a half-sarcastic, but truthful, tone that police now demand higher bribes to turn the other eye. At the Cambodian brothel Kristof visited, police eventually demanded \$5 every day. This caused the brothel to question whether the business was worth it. It eventually closed, and reopened as a grocery store. Before it closed, with the help of the New York Times, Kristof returned to the

brothel before it closed and bought the freedom of the 13-year-old girl to reunite her with her mother. "We haven't solved problems fully, but we can make progress," he said.

Kristof also highlighted the influence of microfinance groups like Kiva to help entrepreneurs in the developing world. Organizations like Kiva and Global Giving connect donors to small community based projects. With problems as vast as world poverty, Kristof admitted one initiative often seems like a drop in the bucket. However, these contributions make an immeasurable difference to those whom they do help. Kristof stressed to the audience members not to "feel that you have to solve all the world's problems to make a difference."

If more students can adopt an attitude like this, the skies may be lifted and open up once again.

## LBGT rally to be held

Allana Mortell  
News Editor

The "Open the Door to Equality" rally, Wooster's first-ever gay rights event, will take place a week from this Sunday, on Oct. 4 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the gazebo on the square in Downtown Wooster.

Ohioans for Marriage Equality, (OME) is hosting the rally, which is also being sponsored by the College of Wooster Allies & Queers, Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Wooster and finally, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for Social Action.

OME is a local equality organization whose primary concern is to promote justice and equality for all individuals. Helen Ostermiller, one of OME's organizers, describes the group's goal as "educating the public about the discriminatory realities faced by gay and lesbian couples and to promote equal access to the rights and obligations of civil marriage." OME first attributes their work within the LGBT community to their opposition to the passage of Issue 1 in the Ohio Constitution, which, in 2004, put a prohibition on marriage equality, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

"When one learns that an LGBT family has the same hopes and dreams as your family, it is much harder to deny them civil rights," Ostermiller says.

To help the Wooster community become more familiar with their LGBT neighbors, OME has previously worked to host different speakers at local events, such as Lynne Bowman, the executive director of the organization Equality Ohio. In addition, they have put together other events to raise awareness, like the "Love Makes a Family" photo/essay exhibit.

The group had been thinking about hosting a rally for almost two years now, but it wasn't until late last spring that plans were finally set

into action. After contacting organizations within the community and different groups at the College, including Delta House and Allies and Queers, volunteers and members of the groups started the process of making this rally a public event. "Talking to other groups committed to LGBT equality has been key to developing a broader community base of support for the event," Ostermiller added.

This first-ever rally will feature a speech from the OME's founder, Bev Caley as well as talks from Mady Noble, an alumna of the College, Reverend Dr. Kevan Franklin and Reverend Dr. Elaine Strawn, among others.

There will be live music and, following the rally, a potluck dinner at Trinity United Church of Christ, where individuals are encouraged to come together and share dinner, music, comedy and fellowship.

Those involved with the meticulous planning for this rally hope to gather at least 40 to 50 individuals from the Wooster community, who, above everything, value fairness and equality for all.

With this rally, Ostermiller hopes to accomplish the task of "bringing people together — gay and straight — who support individuals in their efforts to define their sexual orientation or gender identity." The primary goal of the rally's organizers is for individuals in the local community to come together and take a public stand for LGBT equality while spreading awareness for their cause. In addition they wish to celebrate the progress that has and is continuing to be made with the struggles for gay civil rights.

Ostermiller also says that she hopes the rally will "stand in support of fairness and understanding, as well as celebrate the recent strides made to 'Open the Door to Equality' and to resolve to continue those efforts as we kick off National Coming Out Week."

Homecoming Weekend  
Schedule of Events

| FRIDAY  | Football:  |
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| Wooster Symphony Orchestra and Cleveland Jazz Orchestra (McGaw Chapel) 7:30 — 10 p.m. | Wooster vs. Denison (John C. Papp Stadium) 1 p.m.                                |
| Late Night Bonfire (Quad) 8 p.m. — 12 a.m.  | Scot Band Parade (Beall Ave.) 12:30 p.m.   |
| Late Night on the Quad (Quad) 8 p.m. — 12 a.m.  | Women's Soccer: Wooster vs. Misericordia (Carl W. Dale Memorial Field) 1:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY  | Men's Soccer: Wooster vs. Kenyon (Carl W. Dale Memorial Field) 3:30 p.m.         |
| Swim Meet PEC (Timken) 10 a.m.  | Casino Night: Viva Woo Vegas (Lowry) 8 p.m. — 12 p.m.                            |
| Dedication of Corey Cline Memorial Garden (Behind Babcock) 10:30 am                   | SUNDAY   |
| All Campus Tailgate (Lowry Back Patio) 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.                               | Alison Elizabeth Taylor Exhibit (Ebert Art Center) 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.               |



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### The Freshman

1 part Vladimir Vodka (or a cheaper brand, if possible)  
1 part cube of Keystone Light (no cheaper brand possible)  
Consume in shortest possible amount of time  
Vomit at Mom's  
Chase with having to explain to your parents the next morning why they're being charged \$500 because you needed to get your stomach pumped  
Repeat as needed

### The Paper Shredder

1 part Adderall  
5 parts 'Alright, just one more shot of Yukon, then I have to go write this paper'  
5 parts 'Oh man! Is that Jaeger!? I am the Lord of Jaeger!'  
Chase with frantic email to your professor the next morning explaining how your laptop died, and you lost all of your paper



### You're All Grown Up

1 part unbridled optimism for the future  
1 part bourbon  
1 part finishing 18  
1 part champagne  
1 part graduation  
1 part numerous job interviews and resume submissions in a horrible job market  
1 part several thousand dollars of debt  
20 parts bourbon



AK 09

Editorial cartoon drawn by Andy Kissinger. He can be reached at AKissinger10@wooster.edu.

## Observe all holidays

I forgive you President Cornwell, please ask for my forgiveness. I would like to wish everyone a blessed year in 5770. 5770? Yes, for those of you who do not know last



alexanderlans

weekend was the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. This holiday is one of the two most important holidays in the Jewish religion.

The next, Yom Kippur, known as the Day of Atonement, will occur this Sunday. We, as Jews, use these 10 days in between to ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness from G-d for the sins that we have committed which wrong G-d and forgiveness from our neighbors for sins we have committed against them.

This year I am turning the table and asking for an apology from the College. I do not ask you this as a Jew or as a Caucasian. I ask you for this apology as a person of a diverse background who seeks to respect the religious beliefs and cultural practices of my neighbors. I ask you to ask me for forgiveness because you have had disregard and disrespect for my beliefs and for my cultural practices.

Why, you ask? The answer is simple. I should be able to practice my religion without worrying about a department chair, a faculty member, an administrator or a staff member assigning me any task on which my future at this college or in any class is dependent. I would ask you to forgive me if I assigned you a major

task the day after Christmas or Easter, but you do not ask me. I do not want you to just ask Jews for forgiveness, I want you to ask Muslims, Sikhs, and anyone whose religious practices are violated by the insensitivity of members of this institution who assign major projects due on or after major holidays.

I am not saying that all members of this institution are disrespectful. Those of you already know who you are. Nor, am I asking that you observe every holiday. We as Jews have enough that we would never go to school. However, faculty members and administrators all receive calendars that indicate the major holidays in a variety of cultures and religions.

I would not hold you to this standard if your message was not diversity. The College of Wooster prides itself on diversity. The College emphasizes diversity in its mission statement, and lets everyone know that it has 12 percent domestic multi-ethnic students, and 6 percent international students. These numbers, this statement, are meaningless.

Diversity here means that you are the token person from Latin America, Europe, Africa or Asia. In the year 5770 (the Jewish New Year), I ask the College to contemplate diversity really is its mission. Or are we after some liberal in vogue notion of being diverse? I challenge President Cornwell to address this issue and my door is open for him to apologize.

Alexander Lans is a new contributor for the Voice. He can be reached for comment at ALans10@wooster.edu.

## Got an Opinion?

Viewpoints would love to hear what you think about current events and issues — from campus developments to global news. If you're interested in writing, or if you'd like to comment on what you've read here, contact Viewpoints at voice\_viewpoints@wooster.edu

## The Voice welcomes letters to the editors!

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## Take advantage of your four years

When I was a first-year, I always thought editorials like this one were clichéd and unnecessary. But given that I completely ignored them and now wish that I didn't, I may as well give it a go.



charles horenstein

As I approached senior year, there is one statement I remember saying over and over: "I'll give that a try when I have some more time." This was applicable to all sorts of things: going out to more parties, taking on another job for the resumé, trying a new intramural sport and the like. In some cases, I was fascinated enough to make time. But in many cases, I was tempted, but overall decided to put it off until a later date that was never determined.

I only now realize just how many times I found myself capable of making time when I thought I had none earlier. Really, we're always going to feel stressed and busy — it's college. Rare is the occasion when we're not busy with something. Looking back now, it seems like some of the best decisions I made here involved ignoring how little time I had and going for it anyway. So why didn't I do that more often? I sure

should have.

Don't get me wrong, I love every minute of my college experience, and sometimes I still surprise myself with how much I've done since I first moved into the Annex freshman year. But no matter how much you've already done, when you're a senior you start to think about just how much extra time you really did have, and how much you wasted.

"In the long term, it would make me happier to do well at school and become successful. But in the very long term, I know which will make better memories."

I worked so many jobs sophomore year that I usually went back to my room too burned out to do anything, leading to an uneventful night checking Facebook for the millionth time, giving my homework a half-hearted attempt and going to bed early. It always felt like a good and necessary idea at the time, like I deserved a break. But all those Facebook minutes add up, and now they just seem silly.

Half of us are so worn out that we assume we can't do any more, the other

half always joke about how there's nothing to around here — both of which are just flat out not true. Most of us are just too lazy to go looking for excitement. There's always a party or a job or a competition waiting for us if we really want there to be.

So for the seniors with one year left, and the undergrads with plenty of time, that's my advice: push the limit just a little more. Go spend a night at that UG place everyone talks about. Apply for those crazy internships. We've got our whole lives to read books, sit on Facebook and stay in for the night. But how many times will we be in college? How much longer will we have before we have to pay for this kind of fun?

Calvin once said this to Hobbes while riding his little red wagon: "In the short term, it would make me happy to go play outside. In the long term, it would make me happier to do well at school and become successful. But in the very long term, I know which will make better memories."

I feel like, had I read that four years ago rather than four minutes ago while procrastinating homework, I may have pushed myself a little more here.

Charles Horenstein is the managing editor for the Voice. He can be reached for comment at CHorenstein10@wooster.edu.

## ScotBlogs give inside look at Wooster

Blogging is the latest Internet craze with millions using them. You can share thoughts, ideas, events and whatever you want on them. When I and two other students got an offer to become bloggers for the Admissions Department, I got excited.

The College has decided to reach out to prospective students in a different way, by having current students attending Wooster blog about their lives here, to present a "day in the life of" idea of what it is really like here. We blog about everything: classes, that awful research paper due in a day, tests, the UG, football games and anything else that we do from day to day. Our goal is to give prospective students an idea of what our lives are like here, so perhaps they can feel more comfortable with the idea of heading off to college.

As a blogger, I find the job to be

incredibly fun. We basically choose our own hours, and get to "talk" about how our day was, or how happy we are we passed that exam, or how tired we are from being at the library studying all day. Even though sometimes these events aren't exactly "thrilling", they're accurate with the student life on campus. We believe prospective students deserve to see that the College is not only a mix of diverse fun and games, but upholds a serious academic streak that's quite impressive.

Since it first started in the spring of 2009, ScotBlogs has moved up from three typical students, to First Year Seminars, accounts of faculty in different countries, faculty blogs and even updates for the College. As student bloggers, we don't update every single day, but perhaps anywhere from three to six times in a week. Sometimes our entries are long, and we talk about how nervous we are for an exam, or how exciting a party was over the weekend. Sometimes we just write a quick two sentence note just to drop in.

Come check us out sometime! If you go to [www.scotblogs.wooster.edu](http://www.scotblogs.wooster.edu), and scroll down a bit, you'll come across us three students: myself (Morgan), Bastiaan and Alex. We're three very different people yet we all share a passion for blogging. You're always welcome to leave comments for our posts — we like getting those. You don't have to be a prospective student to read this — we want current students enrolled in Wooster to read it as well. Anyone can read these. I even once had a CEO of a major company located in Michigan send me a personal e-mail, complimenting me on my writing. Talk about getting the word out!

Hopefully our blogs will reach out in the way we want them to. I would have loved to have read blogs of students before I attended Wooster, because I, too, was slightly nervous and didn't know what to expect. If we can give any assuring insight, then we're doing our job correctly.

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## NY Fashion Week is more meaningful than it sounds

These days it seems like most industries are suffering because of the economy. The fashion industry isn't much different.

However this didn't stop fashion designers and over 100,000 international visitors from coming out for the annual Mercedes-Benz Fall fashion week which took place from Sept. 10 to 17 in New York City.

Mercedes-Benz fashion week sponsors over 60 famous designers who showcase their spring 2010 collections in the tents at Bryant Park. The week kicked off in a huge way with "Fashion's Night out." On Sept. 10 a

world-wide shopping event was held in over 12 major cities across the globe.

In New York City alone over 700 stores were open until 11 p.m. to generate retail shopping. All stores gave 15 percent off and donated proceeds to the September 11 memorial and museum. The night was produced by Vogue magazine and government officials. The goal was to help centralize New York City again as a fashion powerhouse after being hurt badly by the recession. Celebrities that came out to promote the importance of Fashion Week included Sean Combs, Sarah Jessica Parker and Diane von Furstenberg.

In New York City the fashion industry is the second largest industry only to finance. New York City is the head-

quarters for over 800 fashion companies and employs over 175,000 workers in the city alone. This supplies over 10 billion dollars in wages per year.

At a press conference in May Vera Wang conveyed, "To put it bluntly, if people don't shop, people lose their jobs." And shop they did. On Sept 10 thousands of people spent the night shopping among celebs such as Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, Rihanna, Charlize Theron, Zack Posen and many more.

As the week continued thousands of people came out for the continuous fashion shows and after parties. Some of the shows included designers such as Chado Ralph Rucci, Badgley Mischka, Michael Kors, Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta, Chanel, Ralph Lauren and Tory

Burch to name a few.

This year's spring designs turned out to be a mix of old and new fashions. The biggest fashions this season include leather jackets, jumpsuits, rompers, bright colors, cut outs and sheer fabrics.

My favorite collection was presented Diane von Furstenberg on Sunday, Sept. 13. Her unconventional yet fierce dresses featured unique patterns and animal prints. Furstenberg's show expressed images from ancient civilizations which inspired her Bohemian yet modern collection. Tory Burch was another favorite who won over the hearts of many designers and editors. Her designs are simple but they are must-haves. Burch commented on her own collection, saying that

her ideas "make ordinary things seem extraordinary."

Despite Fashion Week coming to a close, it's important to regard the message it conveys. Fashion, whether frivolous or not, supports a great deal of our economy. Hundreds of thousands of people work around the clock to put fall fashion week together and stemming from the extravagant shows and clothes we find that fashion is not just restricted to the runway. Coco Chanel said, "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening."

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## SHOULD THE DRINKING AGE BE LOWERED?

## Lower drinking age makes sense

If you ask a random college student whether or not he or she thinks the law should permit 18-year-olds to purchase and consume alcohol, you'll probably get the answer you're expecting: "Hell yes." The enthusiasm with which this imaginary student reacts might even convince you that they should most definitely not be allowed to drink. Yet, chances are, they'd drink less if it were legal.

How many times have you felt as if you simply had to have something after you'd been told it was off limits? I can remember being full after lunch as a child and then immediately desolate, starving for chocolate chip cookies, just because I was told I couldn't have any until after dinner.

Temptation is and will always be a constant problem for humanity. When there's a rule, we're tempted to break it, and most times it's not even important what it is. Our satisfaction often doesn't come from what we actually gain in disobedience. It's just the rush, the high of rebellion. Drinking as a minor in America is much more attractive because it is illegal. It's taboo, it's dangerous. Therefore, it's cool.

Our laws forbid drinking until the age of 21. Nevertheless, 41 percent of students have consumed alcohol by the time they've reached the age 13, in

the eighth grade. High school students who completed the 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey admitted to drinking within the past month. These are high school students — most still live with their parents. It's obvious on our own campus, every Wednesday and weekend in fact, how much more alcohol the freedom of college life allots students.

I'm willing to bet that many of the drinking minors, or criminals I suppose I could say, are not bad people. They probably vote, and hold respectable jobs on and around campus. Other than drinking illegally, they've probably never committed a crime in their entire lives. For the most part, these are fine upstanding citizens we're referring to. But the laws in America would have them penalized. Isn't there crime to be concerned with elsewhere? Murder, terrorism, the sex trade and all that? Do we really need to waste police muscle on a student who's had a few beers after completing his homework?

Granted — drinking irresponsibly is a problem for some Americans of all ages. I don't mean to imply that teenage drinking can't be or hasn't been extremely dangerous. I believe however, that lowering the drinking age to 18 would encourage teenagers to drink more responsibly. Yes, initially, newly enabled minors may overindulge themselves but eventually drinking would probably lose a great deal of its seductive appeal. In other countries, those in Western Europe

for example, drinking is nowhere near as big of a deal. Parents often serve their children wine with dinner (a little wine every now and then is said to be very healthy, you know).

Sex is also discussed casually from a very young age and there's more nudity in a lot of their movies. These things may sound bad but there's definitely a lesson to be learned. Statistics show that teenagers in Western Europe are not drinking as irresponsibly as American teenagers. Western Europe does not have the growing percentage of teenage pregnancies the way we do either. Kids aren't all that crazy about drinking all the time. Who wants to go out with friends and do what you do with your parents all the time? Likewise, sex isn't that big a deal; genitals are just genitals because they've been seeing them offhand for years by the time they're like, 16.

Yes, I'm sure Europeans still enjoy sex, and I know everybody likes a little buzz. But exposure to these things at a younger age would help minors gain the knowledge and familiarity necessary to drink responsibly. It would give parents a chance to be the ones to teach their children how to drink, and it would force us to find some other rule to break.

(Statistics found at <http://healthvermont.gov> and [www2.potsdam.edu](http://www2.potsdam.edu).)

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## Notice the angel statue

There's one particularly beautiful moment near the end of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Two Towers* where Frodo, Sam, and Gollum come upon a crumbling, defaced statue of a king



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where none has ruled for countless years. It's fallen head on the ground beside has now sprouted small white flowers around the brow, causing Frodo to exclaim, "Look! The king has got a crown again!" For a second the scene is illuminated in the setting sun before succumbing to the darkness that pervades the final stages of Tolkien's epic.

However far-removed Wooster may be from Middle-Earth, just to the north of campus, four houses past Overholt, is a statue that recalls this fictional counterpart: a stark white angel, faceless, about 20 feet high, with a bearded head sitting alone beside it in a base of flowers. Neither the statue nor the house is College property — this is the lawn of a private residence. Nonetheless, for its proximity, it invites comparisons to other sculptures across campus, and it's a fascinating foil.

The two sculptures on the academic quad generated a fair bit of buzz, both good and bad, for their abstractness, shapes and icons that do not easily resolve themselves. Held alongside to these, the angel is simple, archetypal. Perhaps most remarkably, the angel demonstrates the best kind of artistic restraint. The birdlike sculpture located next to Lowry, for instance, is fleshed out in dramatic strips of dark

metal, wings spread wide — it looks almost clunky and feeble next to the tall, smooth angel with its hands clasped and its wings folded humbly behind it. And with no subject more horrendously abused with kitsch than angels, the artists deserve our particular thanks.

Intriguing, too, is the statue's material. The homeowners were left with a damaged ash on their lawn following a thunderstorm about two years ago. After excising the lightning-scarred upper portions, they hired a couple from Michigan to carve the angel into the remaining trunk, linking the piece to the greater tradition of art from found or recycled materials.

What might this angel represent, or how might it function, within the Wooster community? It's certainly amusing to consider the effect the foreboding sculpture might have on students walking up Beall Avenue some Friday or Saturday night at less than peak mental clarity. Alternatively, some might be struck by the resemblance to Tolkien's defaced statue, as I was. In a sense, its style echoes that of handcarved woodwork I've seen in Northern Italy. But its smooth white surfaces, perhaps more so than the busier sculptures on the academic quad, defy any kind of finite significance, reflect any number of thoughts.

It's a sculpture and it's an angel, but it's also a tree. I would encourage the curious student to go and sit beneath it whenever, shall we say, the spirit moves you.

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## Drinking age is 21 for a reason

The serious consequences of alcohol abuse, especially among college students, have been widely documented.



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Did you know that almost 700,000 American students in 2005 between the ages of 18 and 24 were victims of abuse by a fellow student who was intoxicated, and 97,000 students were victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or rape? So yes, drinking can lead to problems.

What would be the benefit for lowering the age? Critics point out Americans can vote, get drafted, and federally charged as an adult at age 18, therefore they should at least be able to throw a few back. Some claim teens are responsible enough to know their alcohol limitations. Others cite the national drinking age was raised to 21 after Reagan did it in 1984, and

before then states could decide, and if the states thought younger was better, so be it.

Do these arguments revolve around believing it should be a right to drink younger, or it would better than the situation that we currently have? It's commonly cited that Europe's drinking ages are significantly lower, with France and Italy at 16 and Portugal not even having one. That isn't an argument to change our drinking age however. Seeing that one person gets to do something that you can't doesn't give you any right to do it.

Furthermore, these countries are not simply immune to drunk driving and alcoholism. They have adopted increasingly strict penalties for intoxicated disputes, and most countries distribute driving licenses years after the drinking age. In my opinion, it's impractical to change the drinking age to 18 if the driving age is then 20, as many of us have relied heavily on our ability to drive since 16.

Additionally, a study showed 2.1 million American students admitted to driving drunk. The statistics in the first paragraph are also staggeringly high. How would these numbers go down if the drinking age was lowered?

If America stressed the importance of safety and responsibility with drinking instead of decrying it as an evil to young adults, perhaps the attitude towards drinking would shift in the eyes of teens. Abstinence-only programs and anti-drug campaigns still come under fire for controversial teachings and misleading facts. If alcohol awareness steps up, perhaps American teens will act accordingly, and maybe then the age can be lowered.

(Statistics found at [www.about-alcohol-info.com](http://www.about-alcohol-info.com), <http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov> and [www.centurycouncil.org](http://www.centurycouncil.org).)

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## Keep your ears open

Last week I wrote an editorial weighing the pros and cons of all the new technology we are lucky enough



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to have. But let me just say: for all of their advanced forms of communication we have literally at our fingertips, we are sorely lacking in actually getting across important bits of information.

For instance, how many of you knew that a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and journalist from The New York Times came to speak on campus this past Tuesday? It was advertised through several venues, including a stand directly in front of Lowry Center, yet the only reason I knew about it was because I'm on the Voice staff. Otherwise I would have undoubtedly walked past the sign, oblivious.

The weird thing is that we do have many good means of communication here at the College. So you'd think we would be on top of everything that goes on here, but that really isn't the case. The wealth of information we receive is a curse as well. With our daily Wooster Headline News (WHN), The Pot, Listservs, The Voice, signs around campus, word of mouth ... basically it's an overwhelming amount of information for us to take in. A lot of people say that, for instance, if the WHN was shorter they might actually read all of it. But we can't really afford to leave stuff off. So here we are, smashed between a rock and a hard place. There's tons of cool stuff out there to do (contrary to what some people insist), but no one to take it all in.

Because even the little things are actually pretty important sometimes. For instance, not many people know that our trash actually does not get sorted through for recyclables. Only the recycling gets sorted through. But most people think otherwise. I don't remember when we were told that, do you? Was it one of the many things put into the WHN that I never got around to reading?

One thing that's really cool about Wooster that no one seems to know about is the reusable mug program. Think back to first-year orientation week. Remember those black coffee mugs they gave us that say "The College of Wooster" on the front? I'm fairly sure we were never told this upon receiving them, but if you bring that mug to Old Main or Lowry, you get your drink cheaper than if you had simply bought a regular drink with the paper cups. And the best part? One you've finished that drink, you can bring the mug back dirty and trade it in for a fresh one. So not only are you saving treasured Flex Dollars, you also don't have to bother with washing out your mugs.

There are so many examples like this — at peak lunch hours, there's a second line in the back of Lowry where you can swipe in. Your general academic advisor is not your I.S. advisor as well. You can minor but not major in Education. Did you know all these things? Because I know when I found out it was quite a shocker. So keep an eye out and an ear open — there's a lot going on around campus that you may be unaware of.

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## CAMPUS VOICES

## What do you think about the new Soup &amp; Bread Program?



Sarah Manning '10

"I'm glad that they kept the program around even though Kittredge is closed. It's definitely worth the walk to know that you're helping a good cause."



Jonah Novak '13

"I think it's a grand idea. I haven't been myself, but I plan to go in the near future. It's something that adds to the Wooster mentality and spirit."



Emily Perbix '13

"I love the new program, especially because I really like soup and bread. I go every week."

## Program houses deserve sprucing up and students can do it

Program houses are one of my favorite things about the College. Since I was fortunate enough to be placed in Westminster Cottage as a



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first-year, I have managed to live in a program house for my entire tenure here at Wooster (save one summer in Bissman which still haunts me at night). I think it speaks a lot about Wooster that we use our off-campus houses as a reward for students who do service, rather than as status symbols for national fraternities and sororities or as luxury options for wealthy students.

However, the statement would be stronger if the program houses themselves were a little more livable.

As a resident of Shearer House, I can say that living here makes us question daily whether the College actually likes us. We share one decrepit shower with not only our whole house but also the host of spiders and crickets in the basement who like to hang out there. We are still waiting on the substantial cache of work orders we filed at the beginning of the year that range from cracked light fixtures to holes in our doors.

And this is not just my house. I've lived in four houses on this campus, for instance, and only one has had adequate shower facilities. The standard cement-floored, poorly-irrigated basement shower with insufficient curtains for privacy and at least one broken showerhead has followed me for the majority of my college career — from Westminster to

Gable to Shearer. And now that we're actually paying an extra \$200 in room and board for these lovely conditions, I think the time has come to speak out.

The problem is, of course, numbers. There are 31 program houses on the Wooster campus and each one only houses between seven and 14 students. The conditions in Babcock

clearly demanded a renovation — one that improved the lives of 150 students. For seven students, it's understandable that the expense is just not worth it. So instead, stop-gap measures and face-lifts have to suffice. Even the major program house reno-

vations of the summer of 2008 were largely aesthetic and didn't address the significant internal problems. A comprehensive renovation of every single house is simply not in the budget — and yet that is exactly what Wooster needs.

So here is my solution: I propose that a group of industrious first-years and sophomores step up to the plate. Fill out an application with the WVN and start a house program. Only instead of volunteering at some charitable organization downtown, give your eight hours a month of service to the house itself.

With the help and supervision of a

representative from the physical plant, at a dedicated time every week, members of the program could fix up the house they live in. They would be in a unique position to know exactly what needs to be done, and they would have the incentive to see it done right.

The students in the program would have a lot to gain, too. Fixing up your own home, and giving a gift to future students would be nothing if not a rewarding experience. In the process, the students would learn a lot about home improvement repair. And, best of all, one by one, slowly but surely, the campus's program houses would get the chance to live up to their full potential.

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## The new Wooster Inn Pub adds flair to the community

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For Ken Bogucki, executive chef and general manager, The Wooster Inn has been a place he can call his home. For the past six years, while working at the Inn, Bogucki has gotten to know most of the people that have stayed or dined there, and even parents that come to watch their child's graduation.

Now, the community can enjoy The Inn's newest addition: The Wooster Inn Pub. Sept. 11 marked The Pub's grand opening. "We had a few soft openings before to work out a few kinks," said Bogucki.

The Pub is situated downstairs in The Inn and replaced the Tartan Room, which was previously used for meetings and dinners.

The Pub is a casual setting. It is the second diner in the building. The Pub is air-conditioned, so it is year-round, unlike the summertime gathering of Party on the Patio, which starts in May and ends in the middle of September. "Due to the change in weather and the start of football season at The College, business slows down around that time," said Bogucki, who created Party on the Patio five years after The Inn got its liquor license.

Every Friday from 4-7 p.m. is Party on the Pub until The Inn goes back to Party on the Patio in May. There is a \$6 cover charge. This provides hors d'oeuvres and customers' first beverage.

In a separate room is The Pub Library. It is situated across from The Pub. "The library is used for overflow of people from the Pub, reserved gatherings and Christmas parties firms have. There are no books in the



Above, The Wooster Inn Pub displays its wide variety of tap domestic and imported beers, premium and house brand liquors and its 52-inch television (Photo by Maureen Sill).

Library but murals of books. Actual books would knock off about a foot and a half of space on each side," said Bogucki.

The Library room is available for meetings. It seats about 24 persons and has a 50-inch plasma television. There are outlets to connect your computer to the television, so there is no need for a projector for presentations. Reservations for private group and business meetings can be made at the front desk of The Inn. Conveniently, there is also wireless internet in the Pub and the Pub Library.

The Pub seats about 42 persons and

also has a 52-inch and two 42-inch televisions. At a student's suggestion, it now has about 15 new soccer game stations. "All the televisions have high definition feeds for all the channels especially for watching Ohio sports, ESPN, ESPN2 and other channels. You can even watch Argentine Soccer Highlights," said Bogucki. In total, the televisions and high definition cable and extra channels cost around \$12,000.

There are different features every night. Tuesday and Thursday are College of Wooster nights. Students, faculty and staff only have to present their COW cards to get a 14 ounce steak dinner for \$9.99. Tuesday also

has a \$5 all-you-can-eat slider burgers. Wednesday has a sushi assortment for \$5. You get five pieces: two California rolls, two spicy tuna rolls and a veggie roll. Thursday has stewed mussels in wine broth for \$3. Friday is Happy Hour. The Pub opens on Saturday at 11 a.m. for lunch. Patrons can tailgate and watch college football games. Sundays, besides from eating in The Pub, patrons also have access to the patio if they want to eat outside at noon.

The Pub menu has tasty starters and entrees. Calamari, beer battered onion rings, grilled mushroom cabbonara pizza, the vegetarian panini, tomato

caprese and pecan crusted chicken are just a few listed on the menu. The price range is from \$6-\$12 per plate, not including College specials.

From the tap, The Pub beer listings include 12 ounces or a pint of Samuel Adams Boston Lager, Thirsty Dog Barkofest and Heavy Seas Loose Cannon to name a few. The prices range from \$4-\$5 for a pint and \$3.50-\$4.50 for a 12 ounce.

Other bottled brew offerings are Stella Artois, Budweiser, Heineken, Michelob Ultra, a variety of Great Lakes, Amstel Light and G. Schneider & Sohn Aventinus to name a few. The prices range from \$3-\$7. The Pub also has house brand and premium liquors like Jack Daniels, Grey Gooses and Bacardi to name a few. Wine, soft drinks, juices and mixed drinks are also served.

Customers under the drinking age can enjoy The Pub's food, non-alcoholic drinks and commodities. Patrons are allowed to drink in The Library.

Construction of both The Pub and Library took six weeks to complete. "In college terms, this is a very short time," says Bogucki.

"So far, The Pub is about 50 percent over where I projected sales would be. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday are our best days, but Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are doing well also.

The Wooster Inn is unique for the campus, residential neighborhood, students and faculty. It is conveniently within walking distance of the College. "The Inn has become a bridge between the community and the College. It would be nice if the College bonded with the community," says Bogucki.

## Jim Spires: More than just an average potter and sculptor

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When I first heard of Jim Spires I pictured a homey older gentleman that had made pottery his life. I wasn't expecting anything too elaborate — I was wrong.

Jim Spires was born and raised seven miles east of here in Dalton, Ohio. His family didn't have much and Spires worked with a potter after school to help contribute. After high school he joined the Navy and served during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Eventually, in 1966, he moved on to the College of the Ozarks where, for three and a half weeks, he received his only formal training in pottery from an Oklahoma potter by the name of David Greer.

Greer provided Spires with the fundamentals: how to use the kiln and the wheel and how to put two pieces of clay together. He has carried these with him ever since. Spires continued on to get his Masters at Wesleyan University in Conn. in Design and Sculpture.

According to Spires his time spent at Wesleyan opened his eyes to a "new dimension" which included more sculpture. He found himself inspired and fascinated by artist and sculptor Pablo Picasso. Although Spires' love for pottery was developing his hobby was not something he chose to make his life, yet, "I always did pottery on the side no matter what I did" says Spires.

Following college and the Navy Spires applied to the Eastman Kodak Company in their automation project. If hired he would be working on their newest project, "The disk camera project." Spires was hired on the spot and moved with his wife to Rochester, N.Y. to begin work immediately.

Shortly after arriving at Kodak, Spires was promoted to writing technical manuals; again, Spires was promoted, this time to Supervising Graphic Designer for consumer and Photofinishing Products worldwide.

From this point on his accomplishments are endless. He designed and patented the multi-color camera, the Mickey-Matic camera, he was the creator of the gold strip film in the Kodak Gold program and, incredibly, he is responsible for designing and patenting the first disposable camera. As I sat there somewhat stunned he relayed the story.

He and friend Bill were driving down to Watkins Glen racetrack to see Paul Newman. Halfway there they looked at each and realized neither of them had a camera. That was when Spires dreamt up the camera that we all use so frequently today. He thought, wouldn't it be nice to have a camera that you could buy for one-time use and have developed afterwards? The rest is history. Spires returned to Kodak after his weekend excursion and designed and patented the first disposable camera.

The most amazing part of his time at Kodak is that despite these work-

oriented ideas he constantly had flowing out of his brain Spires still had time to keep in touch with pottery and wood sculpture.

Tired and burned out, Spires left Kodak in 1990 and moved back to the area as a design consultant for Fortune 500 companies. After searching around for a house, Spires settled for one in Wooster in 1993. The best part, the home came equipped with a potter's wheel and a kiln in the basement, and that's when Spires got "back in clay." 7

Within two years Spires was selling pottery. In 1997, while on a trip to North Carolina to take in the southern style of pottery, Spires made a chance acquaintance with a zoo board member for the zoo located in Ashbarrow. This board member asked him to create an animal sculpted piece for their annual fundraiser. He has continued this tradition every year since then raising thousands of dollars for the zoo.

Spires gained tremendous recognition through his accomplishments and numerous collectors became interested in his work. Due to his large success in the Wooster area, Spires opened a gallery in downtown Wooster where it still stands today.

For the past nine years Spires has been participating in various craft and art events. This year he is making his second appearance at Biennial International Contemporary Art Exhibition in Florence, Italy. This prestigious exhibition is the largest contemporary art competition in the



Above, Jim Spires works at his studio located on 148 E. Liberty St. downtown (Photo courtesy Jim Spires).

world and this year Spires will be the only American ceramic sculptor.

As the interview wrapped up, I questioned Spires about his generous gifts and donations to various charities including the American Heart Association, the Cancer Society and recently the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Spires commented that in this case both parties benefit

"Not only am I doing something good, but its good exposure. When you work in the community and they support you, as Wooster does, you give back what you can," said Spires.

Who knew that someone that has contributed so much to society through not only his pottery but his accomplishments at Kodak, had found his niche in Wooster, Ohio?

## Wooster's disposal and recycling: Separating trash from truth

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Contrary to what many students and faculty believe, recyclable items are not separated from non-recyclable items as part of the College's recycling program.



Above, bales of recycled aluminum cover an entire room at the Materials Recovery Center (Photo courtesy Amanda Keith).

If recyclable items are not placed into a specific recycling dumpster, all items will be sent to a landfill.

With the College's previous recycling service, Landmark Disposal Ltd., dumpsters used to be color-coded to differentiate between recyclables and non-recyclables. Now

they're all green.

According to the College's new recycling service, Waste Management Inc., located at 116 N. Bauer Rd, recyclable products must be placed in designated recycle dumpsters that are distinguishable by a Waste Management recycling sticker.

Once collected by Waste Management hauling trucks, recyclables are taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to be sorted using "single-stream recycling" technology. With single stream, all contents are loaded onto the main feed conveyor belt and separated through mechanized screens. These materials are then baled and sold to recycling mills where they will be remade into sellable products.

The move from Landmark Disposal to Waste Management, which took place in early July, means that the College can now recycle a much broader range of materials. Media spokesperson Beth Schmucker said that "Waste Management accepts plastics one through seven,"

from polycarbonate to polyethylene polymers.

Waste Management accepts some rarely-recycled materials with resin identification codes three, six and seven. This includes egg cartons and disposable cups and plates.

"However," Schmucker added, "a cardboard pizza box, if it has pizza grease all over it, is not recyclable." Other items not accepted by Waste Management include phone books, light bulbs, styrofoam, plastic grocery bags, Ziploc bags and plasticware.

Operation Specialist Kim Ciavarelli, at the MRF in Oakwood Village, Ohio, explained that, "the machinery is not able to do all recyclables." Plastic grocery bags are easily caught in the conveyor belts and sorting machinery, causing damage to the equipment.

A source of frustration for some students is the lack of dumpsters around campus. Major Account Representative Scott Colvin stated that in "an attempt to beautify the

campus, Waste Management has decided to remove about half of them." The College's campus simply had too many dumpsters for the amount of waste produced.

Waste Management claims that single-stream recycling is successful because of the simplicity of the process for its customers. However, if the campus has fewer dumpsters and no significant visual difference between the two types, the College will not recycle to its potential.

Waste Management will be giving an open forum to explain these changes in the College's recycling program at the College on Thursday, October at 6:30 p.m. in Lowry pit.

Information about recyclable materials and the single stream process is available at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) and [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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## Student Spotlight: Sophomore Jason Filatov

### *Collaboration half the experience being a musician*

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Already Jason Filatov '12 has made quite the impression on The College of Wooster's campus. Most recently, he was recognized for his performance at this year's Party On The Green, though he has performed downtown at C.W. Burgerstein's several times as well.

Hailing from New Canaan, Conn., Filatov comes to the College with some studio experience already and one official album titled "Lights Out." "It was well done, but not exactly a New York City recording," Filatov said. "A friend of mine went to music production school, and I used his studio."

Filatov plans to begin recording again towards the end of the year, hopefully with more professional recording systems. "I have hundreds of songs, so there is a lot of picking and choosing if I want to do this the right way," said Filatov. "What aspects of my music I want to be represented is something I want to spend a lot of time on."

Filatov's Party On The Green performance was his 10th gig this year. He said he typically tries to play "a couple times a month," though this is normally with a band. At home, he



Jason Filatov '12 has recorded one official album, and has some studio experience (Photo courtesy Jason Filatov).

plays a few venues, most notably the National Underground in New York City, and usually with six to nine extra musicians, all under the name "The Jason Filatov Band."

"They're just used to calling it The Jason Filatov Band. I've always written the music, though I feel like I was the least talented one there. I was really grateful to have gifted a group of friends who wanted to do what I

was doing," said Filatov.

The band consists entirely of his old high school buddies, Filatov said. "I play with a group of kids who were my friends in high school. It was the thing that brought us together," he added.

Here on campus, however, Filatov is still looking for a good group to jam with. "I'm always looking for new people to play with," Filatov

said. "I've always thought playing with people is more enjoyable than playing alone. That's why this [the Party On The Green gig] was such a different experience — it was challenging and exciting, but I was more nervous than I usually am."

Filatov said he plays guitar as his primary instrument — which he has played for six years — and also likes to "dabble in piano, saxophone and all those string instruments." Musical influences include Dave Matthews Band, Jimi Hendrix, the Beatles, and most experimental rock and TV on the Radio. He describes his own music as "acoustic rock funk with a poppy sound."

"I think the music I listen to reflects the music I play," Filatov said. "I'm not sure if my music sounds anything like that, but the wide variety of music I enjoy is definitely reflective in the genres I enjoy playing."

For those interested in hearing his music can be found at [www.jasonfilatovmusic.com](http://www.jasonfilatovmusic.com). His work is also available on iTunes.

"Music is my way of telling people about me. It's helped me to meet a lot of people in my life," Filatov said. "And unless I'm afraid of myself, I shouldn't be afraid of playing in front of other people."

## THE SCENE

We're a busy lot here at Wooster, what with all our musical and theatrical performance groups, our sports teams,

our program houses and Greek groups. To not overschedule yourself around here seems to be some kind of sin. I know I've

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over-booked myself with I.S., a new band, an a cappella group, and, of course, putting this beautiful page together for you every week, but some how, I still find time to watch a bit of television. I can still set aside a bit of time every week to plop down in front of that magic box with a few friends and get my stories, and these past two weeks, the programs we make the most effort to see have begun their new seasons after a long summer of Internet spoilers. "The Office," "How I Met Your Mother" and "Big Bang Theory" are all off to very charming starts.

I'll be honest — when it started, I was not at all impressed with "Big Bang Theory." I found the setting of four total nerds of varying levels of social ineptitude in the same apartment complex as a semi-attractive normal woman to be somewhat contrived and unoriginal, but eventually the formulaic nature of the show sort of grew on me. Last season ended with the four going off to the North Pole for research, returning at the beginning of this season with ridiculous beards. Sheldon, who couldn't possibly function in any environment other than the fictional one he's been written for, is once again the driving force behind the plot of the episode, as he is told that the other three altered the results of his arctic experiments when his frustration made him impossible to live with. How the other characters can stand him has become the gimmick of the show, and it will be interesting to see how the writers can return to any sort of plot line that doesn't involve him derailing the plans of anyone else simply by being himself.

"The Office" is surely a favorite of many who have time to set aside for television. The premiere plays on the classic relationship between Michael Scott and the rest of the office, and why it's never really a good idea to tell him anything. The whole concept behind the episode turns out to be a clever way of revealing Pam's pregnancy to everyone else, and once again questioning Andy's sexual preferences. I, for one, will be shipping Andy/Oscar, a relationship that could very well rival Jim and Pam as greatest TV match-up on the air. What starts the whole thing is the gossip surrounding the relationships of the summer interns, who are there for their last day. Despite limited camera time, the guest stars are amusing as a few more innocent normal people subjected to the absurdity that abounds at Dunder-Mifflin. I look forward to seeing how "The Office" continues into its sixth season. Sometimes I wonder if the joke is wearing thin, and if the show is about ready to jump the shark. How to end gracefully is something a lot of television writers haven't really figured out because it's generally the goal of a show to just keep playing as long as possible.

In contrast, "How I Met Your Mother" has had an end in mind from the start. Told as a flash-back narrated to the main character Ted's children, the show must end when he actually meets his wife. "Mother" has a very involved in-show memory, often alluding to other episodes, but doing so in such a way that it rarely alienates first-time watchers like some shows. coughLostcoughHeroescough. Ahem. Excuse me. The plot of the season premiere only hints at the end of Ted's search and focuses on the budding relationship between two supporting characters. I'm almost entirely certain that the writers plan to end this season, but the writers have had back up episodes in case they got canceled earlier; there's no guarantee that they'll turn down a renewal if they get another one.

So, fellow over-workers, I hope you find the time to relax and turn on the tube now and again. Pick up a story or two, and live vicariously through the carefully planned lives of fictional people. Whenever you feel burned out on that big essay, take a break to hop online and catch an episode. Who knows? You might even find some inspiration.

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## Neil Patrick Harris revives Emmy award show

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Voice Staff

This past Sunday, CBS aired the 61st Annual Primetime Emmy Awards that, in more recent years, have been better known as the relatively dull kickoff to awards season.

Especially after last year's notoriously awful Emmys broadcast, which was emceed quite poorly by various reality show hosts, expectations for this year's show were not exactly high.

But, quite surprisingly, this year's host Neil Patrick Harris found a way to make the broadcast relatively entertaining and, dare I say it, even funny.

Harris kicked off the show by asking viewers, through song, to "put down the remote." Not only was his opening number witty and lively, but it also served as further proof that Americans love watching cheesy song

and dance numbers during all of their awards ceremonies.

Throughout the show, Harris remained charming and funny, with some of the best moments coming when he introduced the presenters by mentioning some of their most obscure acting credits.

When announcing "Mentalist" actor Simon Baker, Harris stated that, "You loved him as Retaux de Vilette in 'The Affair of the Necklace,'" a little-known film from 2001 co-starring Hilary Swank. Later, "Heroes" actress Hayden Panettiere was introduced as "the voice of Fairy Princess Willow in 'Scooby Doo and the Goblin King.'"

Harris also asked the audience to "please welcome the comedy stylings of Kiefer Sutherland and Anna Torv," two actors known for the rather serious roles they play on "24" and

"Fringe," respectively.

Harris proved to be so entertaining that he even received praise from "Survivor" host Jeff Probst and "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart as they both accepted their awards. Probst, knowing how poorly both he and his reality show comrades performed last year, no doubt felt he needed to repent a bit.

John Hodgman, better known as the "PC Guy" from the Mac commercials, also added to the humor, by serving as the show's commentator. Throughout the night, Hodgman would offer ridiculous and completely false facts about each winner as they went onstage to accept their award.

Later on in the show, in a rare attempt to actually make people laugh, announcer Jimmy Fallon came onto the stage using an Auto-Tuner as he sang a song, and continued to use it after he took a pratfall, groaning several "ouches" through the voice-altering device.

Shots of the crowd revealed that both Steve Carell and Fred Armisen enjoyed the silly skit, while highly intellectual actor Kevin Kline was left noticeably unamused.

In a rather unconventional move, this year's Emmys also featured a live musical tribute during the "In Memoriam" portion of the program. Viewers got to be transported back to the 90s as they heard Sarah McLachlan's ethereal voice singing "I Will Remember You," while the celebrity deaths of the past year were recounted.

This year's Emmys featured yet another new element, as they were split into five genres, including comedy, reality, movie/miniseries, variety

and drama. There was also a box that would appear periodically in the corner of the screen, letting viewers know which presenters would be appearing next.

These two new elements seemed to serve almost as a warning, telling viewers when they should move to a different television program.

And given the fact that many of the actual award winners were repeats of last year, there were plenty of opportunities to change the channel.

For the second year in a row, "Mad Men" and "30 Rock" won for Best Drama and Best Comedy, respectively, with Glenn Close and Bryan Cranston both receiving their second wins in the categories of Outstanding Lead Actor and Actress in a Drama. Alec Baldwin also once again won the award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy.

Some of the biggest shockers of the night were Toni Collette beating out Tina Fey for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy, and also Kristen Chenoweth winning Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy for her role in the now-cancelled "Pushing Daisies." John Cryer also beat out his competition for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy for his role on "Two and a Half Men."

Even with the few surprises in the aforementioned categories, the biggest surprise of the 61st Annual Primetime Emmys seemed to be that awards shows such as this can actually be quite funny. So thank you, Neil Patrick Harris, for reminding us all why we watch television in the first place — to be entertained.



Neil Patrick Harris hams it up (Photo courtesy AP).

## The Shack introduces entertainment and new hours

Nathan Comstock  
Voice Staff

This summer The Shack, located on Pine Street right next to Gault Admission center, began offering live music on Saturday nights. The move is one of several implemented by new owners Candy Zimmerman and Mark Watts in an attempt to help increase the restaurant's appeal to both the campus and the community.

"I'm from a very musical family," said Zimmerman. "My children play instruments, I played in a band, and I knew some people who played in bands."

The introduction of live music corresponded with the installation of a new outdoor patio, which is where the bands perform. The performances generally start around 8 p.m. on Saturday nights. This summer, bands have ranged from classic rock cover bands Chain Reaction and Target to the Standard Time Jazz Combo. Other performers have included Steve Brown, Not Those Guys and The Island Band.

Although she is happy with her regular acts, Zimmerman is interest-



The Shack's new patio is an ideal performance space (Photo courtesy Marten Dollinger).

ed in expanding The Shack's musical offerings.

"We would love to have some student bands," she said, adding that anyone interested in performing at The Shack should stop by any time during business hours.

"When the Shack started," said Zimmerman, "It was basically all

college students. Then it became more about the townspeople, which is basically what it was when we got it. We'd love to see more students come in."

The Shack has made several overtures to students, including accepting the COW card and being open special hours, from midnight to 3 a.m. on

Fridays and Saturdays. Zimmerman hopes that once the word gets out, The Shack will become a new pre- or post-party destination.

"We're doing this for students," she said. "We don't expect a lot of townspeople here at three in the morning."



## Field hockey cruises past Wittenberg on way to 8-0 start

Nick Kendall  
Voice Staff

The women's field hockey team has their sights set high this season. They came into their home opener last Saturday against their biggest rival, Wittenberg. Tensions were especially high considering one of Wooster's former players, Elizabeth Dwyer, now plays for the hated Tigers.

Right off the bat, forward Maddie Hart '12 scored two goals in the first two minutes. After the powerful start, Wooster never let up on the gas. Brittney Montgomery '10 scored again for Wooster only a minute and a half later giving them a 3-0 lead not even four minutes into the game. Finally Wittenberg managed to score one with under a minute left in the first half.

After the half with the score 5-1, Wittenberg seemed determined as they slipped one more past goalie Madalyn Myers '12, but the former second team All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) goalie put her foot down after that slip. She made a number of great saves that kept Wittenberg at bay for the remainder of the game.

After Montgomery's goal, Amanda Artman '10, Wooster's leading scorer,

took over the game. She scored twice in the first half, and twice more in the second half. Assisted by Stephanie Standera '11 on one, Kate Valora '11 on another, unassisted on a third, and lastly on a penalty shot. The penalty shot was right after Wittenberg scored their second and last goal of the game. This penalty shot may have been the dagger that stopped Wittenberg's momentum, or it might have been the diving save by Myers, the most impressive of her seven saves in this game.

This was the first in a stretch of important home and conference games coming up in the next few weeks for the Scots. Their goal is to come out of this stretch still undefeated with a record of 12-0. Right now they stand at an NCAC best, 8-0, and 5-0 in the conference.

Hart, who had the two big opening minute goals against Wittenberg said, "We're definitely gonna need our freshmen to step up this season if we want to be as successful as we plan on being." With only eight upper classmen, this makes for a very young team, but they are determined to play well even without all the experience that older teams in the Conference may have.

The Scots are determined to make a

second straight appearance in the national tournament at the end of the season, only this time they want to go deeper. With returning All-American and leading scorer Artman leading the attack, aided by Hart and Eileen

Barrar '11, the Scots' offense is a force to be reckoned with in the NCAC. Complimented by the dynamic play of Myers, one of the best goalies in the country, as well as a powerful defense protecting her, this may be one of the

best teams in school history.

The Scots continue conference play tomorrow against the Denison University Big Red. The game will start in Granville, Ohio at 11 a.m. The Big Red are 5-4 thus far this season.



Amanda Artman '10 flies past the Wittenberg defense en route to four goals during a 7-2 victory. Artman leads the Fighting Scots squad with 15 goals this season (Photo by Charlie Fanelli).

## Men's soccer gets back on track Scots win NCAC opener

Rob Melick  
Voice Staff

The men's soccer team went 1-1 over the past week dropping their first game in a conference match against Wabash College last Saturday, but picked up a big win on Tuesday when they defeated non-conference opponent Marietta College to break a three-game losing streak and bring the Scots to an overall record of 3-3-1 for the season.

Saturday's defeat was a heartbreaker with the winning goal for Wabash coming in the 108th minute in double overtime. The first half of the game was a defensive battle for the Scots as Wabash

outshot them 13-3 but only three were on goal and Wooster's keeper Taylor Takacs '12 saved two of these from finding the back of the net. Wabash did not find the net until just before the break in the 43rd minute. The second half saw another onslaught of Wabash offense, again outshooting Wooster 14 to 4. Takacs and his defense put up a valiant effort however, letting only six of these reach the keeper. Takacs was able to save all six, keeping Wabash scoreless in the second period and bringing his save total to eight for the match. The Scots' offense was able to answer Wabash's first half goal with one of their own when at the 82nd

minute mark Karl Ruter '10, on an assist from Scott Buckwald '10, was able to beat the keeper and tie the game. The game remained scoreless through the rest of regulation and the first overtime period. It was in the 108th minute that Wabash was able to put a shot on goal past Takacs to end the match.

The Scots rallied and came back with a big win when they traveled to Marietta this past Tuesday and picked up the 3-0 victory. The Scots scored early when in the seventh minute Yousef Aliakbar '11 put a beautiful cross into the middle of the box for Buckwald who was able to find the net just inside the near post scoring his fourth goal of this year and 15th of his career. Despite Marietta shooting on goal nine times, the remainder of the first period was scoreless. Wooster widened the gap midway through the second half when Aliakbar was able to draw out the keeper on a break-away and finish for the goal. This was the first goal in Wooster uniform for the junior transfer. Five minutes later Ruter sealed the victory for the Scots, netting a shot on an assist from Walker Diebold '13. Takacs had another solid game for the Scots racking up six saves in his second shutout of the season.

The Scots return to action and look to improve their record tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. when they host conference opponent Kenyon College at Carl Dale Memorial Field.

Mike Haggerty  
Voice Staff

The football team opened up NCAC play this weekend with a spectacular win over the Ohio Wesleyan University Battling Bishops. This marks the first win of the season for the Fighting Scots whose stellar offense lit up the scoreboard with 37 points in the romp this past Saturday.

The Scots started the game off with a fury of offensive power as they scored on their first six possessions. Even the defense got in on the action as senior linebacker Matt DeGrand '10 returned an interception 82 yards for his first career touchdown. The first quarter was filled with offensive momentum as both the Scots and the Bishops put points on the board early. Kyle Murdock '11 scored Wooster's first six points as he rushed across the goal line, capping a 48-yard drive by the Scots on their first possession. Shortly following the Wooster touchdown Ohio Wesleyan drove 69 yards for a touchdown of their own.

Despite the early tie the Wooster Scots quickly took a 10-point lead with a field goal by Russ Palm '11 and a rushing touchdown by Robert Flag '12. Right before the half Palm once again aced a kick right between the posts as the Scots completed a stellar 19-play, 93-yard drive. During the drive the Scots showed impressive grit as they were often forced into tough

situations, including a fourth and four play that ended in a Scot's first down. Unfortunately the drive had to end with just a field goal after the Scots suffered a 15-yard penalty. Austin Holter '10 led the Scots completing 18 of his 29 passes. He also managed to score a touchdown of his own with a quick 10-yard dash into the end zone.

DeGrand put the final nail in the coffin with his 82-yard interception as the Scots capped off the 37-20 victory over the Bishops. This was the final turning point of the game as the Scots' defense began to shut off all hope for the Bishops.

Defensively, the Scots were led by Dan Terhune '12 who led the team with 11 tackles and a recovered fumble on Ohio Wesleyan's 27-yard line. Terhune was named the NCAC defensive player of the week for his defensive efforts against the Bishops.

This win is an excellent boost for the team after the heart breaking 42-39 loss the Scots suffered on Sept. 5 to Waynesburg University. This was the first conference game for the Scots as they look forward to the Homecoming match up this weekend against Denison University. The game will kickoff at 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoon at John P. Papp stadium.

The Denison Big Red are 1-1 on the season, with the loss coming in NCAC play against Wabash College. Denison has had two weeks to prepare for the Scots after a bye week.



Taylor Takacs '12 grabs a cross against Otterbein College. He has recorded two shutouts this season (Photo by Sam VanFleet).

### A FRESH TAKE ON SPORTS

## Everyone should welcome Michael Vick back to football

Why Vick deserves his second chance and why public opinion of the fallen star deserves revision

This Sunday Michael Vick will be entirely free for the first time in 25 months. After serving 23 months in federal prison for his involvement in dog fighting and an additional



two-game suspension handed down by Roger Goodell, Vick will return to football for the first time with no legal or league restrictions. It will be the first free step for a man who over the course of the past 10 years has experienced the most extreme highs and lows of many people. Vick deserves his second chance.

With Donovan McNabb likely to miss Sunday's game with an injury and the inexperienced Kevin Kolb starting under center, it should not be a surprise that Michael Vick will find himself in the game early and often. Eagles' head coach Andy Reid has put together extensive packages of plays designed specifically for Vick and will not hesitate to use the former Pro Bowler. All eyes will be watching as Vick returns to regular season football and sees his first football action as a free man.

I would like to take the opportunity not only to welcome Michael Vick

back to the National Football League as a full-time employee, but also offer a little bit of information as to why you too should perhaps be a little more compassionate.

Over the past two years everyone has become at least aware of who Vick is, but I would like to point out a bit of detail separate from the lying, dog killing felon to which most of us have become accustomed.

Vick came from an impoverished background and only was able to find his way out of his public housing project through his athletic abilities and a football scholarship to Virginia Tech University. In just two seasons with the Hokies, Vick only lost one game which happened to be the national championship his freshman year of 1999. Highly regarded as an exceptional athlete, Vick chose to leave Virginia Tech after his sophomore season because of the financial opportunity that awaited him in the NFL.

In 2001 the Atlanta Falcons took Vick with the first overall pick in the draft, making him not only their franchise quarterback, but also the first African-American quarterback selected that high in the NFL draft. Vick was thrust into the role of not only being the face of the Falcons' franchise, but also the hero of the African-American community, a success story for the

entire population.

In his six-year NFL career Vick was selected three times to the Pro Bowl and earned millions of dollars in contracts and endorsements. Vick was ranked 33rd in Forbes' 2005 Top 100 Wealthiest Celebrities list, but in just two years he lost all of the fame and fortune to his own bad decisions. His annual salary in 2006 was estimated at \$25.4 million. All of this would soon be gone.

In August of 2007 Vick pleaded guilty to federal dog fighting charges. After being sentenced to 23 months in federal prison it seemed that Vick's American dream had turned to a nightmare. In the span of five years, Vick had turned from one of the most recognizable and popular athletes in all of sports to a felon, dog murderer and public enemy.

The low of Vick's downward spiral came in July of 2008 when he filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as the result of several unpaid loans, debt to the Atlanta Falcons for lost wages amounting \$7.5 million and the nearly \$30,000 dollars he was spending each month to support his family while in prison.

With his reinstatement Vick has

begun to take the right steps toward rebuilding his career and life. With the support of Tony Dungy, former head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, who mentored Vick throughout his stay in prison, Vick has convinced his boss, Goodell, that he has taken the necessary steps to get back on the right track.

Dungy, who is highly respected throughout the NFL as not only a great coach but also a great human being, has expressed Vick's desire to return to football, supported

While few of us are convicted felons, all of us can agree that, while a second chance is never guaranteed, granting it is the right thing to do.

It speaks volumes to Vick's improvement that such a highly respected and high-profile individual would support him so whole-heartedly.

Vick deserves this second chance not only because he has paid his debt to society but also because he has shown genuine remorse for his involvement in dog fighting. He has established a \$1

million trust fund for the lifelong protection of dogs and has started to work both with the Humane Society and in the Philadelphia community to discourage peer pressure and eradicate dog fighting in America.

Vick has the opportunity to be a great spokesman on behalf of animal protection agencies and can do a lot of good in urban outreach, prevention and education when it comes to stopping the global issue of dog fighting. It is ultimately up to Vick to do what is right and continue his personal maturation process and his ongoing struggle to regain all that he has lost.

Regardless of your personal opinion of Vick, we are all human and all make mistakes. While few of us are convicted felons, all of us can agree that, while a second chance is never guaranteed, granting it is the right thing to do.

On Sunday we will all see a man who has gone through an enormous trial of self and character, who will take the field with only the hope of returning to normalcy and helping the Eagles to win games. I urge you to examine the situation from a more compassionate and humane perspective and consider the fact that if Vick has sufficiently paid his debt to the United States legal system and to the NFL, what more do you really want?



# Lady Scots return from Michigan unscathed

Sam VanFleet  
Voice Staff

Six wins and two draws have put the Fighting Scots at the top of the NCAC Div. III standings, however, without any conference games under their belt, it remains to be seen whether or not they will contend for the conference title.

The Scots traveled extensively yet again this weekend, easily defeating Albion College 4-1, and settling for a cagey 2-2 tie with Kalamazoo College.

Wooster continued their already impressive winning streak with this week's contests bringing their record to 6-0-2. The first contest of the weekend was an easy win for the Scots who out-shot their opponents 19-10 and netted four goals to their paltry one. Albion College was left with a lot to think about at the interval with Wooster scoring three unanswered goals in the first half of action.

The upperclassmen of the squad showed the first-years they could score as well in this high scoring contest. Liz Mott '11 found the net first with a header from a corner kick delivered by Chantal Koechli '10. Koechli has certainly gone above and beyond the call of duty this year, scoring the third goal against Albion. Mary Riney '12 got involved in between the two upperclassmen when the sophomore fired yet another unassisted goal from the top of the box at the 20-minute mark.

Albion's luck didn't change in the second half when Nicole Himebaugh '12 opened her account scoring her first goal of the season unassisted just 21 minutes after the interval. The Britons were able to maintain some pride by scoring in the closing minutes of the game to save the shutout though it was too little too late. The Scots held on to their comfortable lead to defeat their opponents 4-1.

The second game of the weekend brought more competition for the Scots, which is a real change of pace from the usual massacres the Scots deliver to the



Womens soccer secures its first home victory of the season, beating John Carroll University by a score of 2-0. The Scots improved to 7-0-2 in their 2009 campaign (Photo by Sam VanFleet).

opposing squads. The game against Kalamazoo College was a cagey affair that saw Nicole Himebaugh '12 score her second and third goals of the season negated by an equal performance from the Hornets. Kalamazoo drew first blood early in the game, though were overtaken by a brilliant two-minute scoring display by Himebaugh.

In less than three minutes Himebaugh put the Scots ahead, finding the net twice off of assists from first-years Erin Davison '13 and Paige Piper '13. The Scots were unable to hold on to their lead however, and in the 54th minute they conceded a disappointing equalizer. Neither team was able to break the tie in the 96 minutes of play that followed as the game went into double overtime. It was a disappointing

result but the Scots can hold their heads high knowing that they have maintained their unbeaten record.

This past Wednesday the Scots hosted their first home game of the 2009 campaign when John Carroll University came to Carl Dale Memorial Field.

The Scots started the game on a mission, with an early score coming from Nora Simon '10 in the 10th minute of the match.

After the goal the team seemed to fall into a slumber of complacency, lacking a controlling work rate going forward.

The offense struggled to keep up with the play that led to Simon's goal, failing to string together passes through the midfield and wing play going toward goal.

Solid defense paired with the consistent play of goalie Michele Ring '13 maintained the lead. Ring, who was cleared to play after suffering a concussion over the weekend, had a few great saves in first half action, and the Scots held a 1-0 advantage at the halftime break.

The second half showed much improvement with the second goal of the match coming from Piper on an assist from Maggie Kehm '12. The 2-0 lead held and the Scots improved to 7-0-2 on the season.

The real test for this team will come when it is pitted against other big NCAC competitors like Denison and Wittenberg, though if they can maintain their current form, a favorable result is all we can expect from them.

## Volleyball's team effort results in yet another win

Andrew Vogel  
Editor in Chief

The volleyball team has found a consistent recipe for success this season. With strong offense from the respective hitter-setter combo of KateLynn Riley '10 and Lizzi Beal '12, surprising defense from Kelley Johnson '13 and timely contributions from a host of supporting players, the volleyball team is off to one of its strongest starts in years.

With a road win last week over John Carroll, the team improved to 8-2 overall. The team won in four sets (25-22, 20-25, 25-11 and 25-20). The team received its customary offense from Beal and Riley. Riley notched 12 kills while Beal dished out 47 assists. Beal also tossed in two service aces to continue her versatile play that been evident all season long. On the season, Riley now leads the team with 122 kills — averaging nearly four kills per game. Meanwhile, Beal has 267 assists in 31 games this season.

In some regards, this should not be surprising. Riley was an All-American at outside hitter last year, while Beal won NCAC Newcomer of the Year as

the team's setter — the most important position on the floor. As the team replaced the contributions of Ali Drushal '09, the experienced offense was expected to carry the load and they have more than delivered.

Last year, however, even with the trio of Riley, Beal and Drushal, the team didn't really begin to play consistently until it began conference play. This year, the team has jumped out of the gate to win eight of its first ten. The difference? Johnson has held her own at Drushal's old libero spot, notching 157 digs while playing all 33 games this year. It's hard to underscore the seamless transition between the former NCAC Libero of the Year and the team's new defensive star.

The story of the year, so far, hasn't just been about Riley, Beal and Johnson. The team has gotten timely contributions when it has needed them. On the road against John Carroll, Erin Webster '13 tallied double digits in kills (16) and digs (21). In the Kilt Classic tournament win two weeks ago, Webster teamed with Margaret Raabe '12 to notch 15 service aces. In last week's win over John Carroll, Raabe notched another four.

This weekend the team will begin to see just how much progress it has made. Wooster has always been in the upper-echelon of the NCAC, finishing above everyone else except for

Wittenberg University and Hiram College. The team will face its stiffest challenge yet on Sunday — the Tigers will be waiting on the other side of the net.



A unified effort has led to early success as they defeated John Carroll University this past Saturday (Photo by Sam VanFleet).

### PICK 'EM

Don't have a clue who's going to win the big game? Every week, sports nuts Matthew Yannie, Andrew Vogel, Chris Weston and Jason Weingardt will pick the week's biggest football games, both college and pro. Some will be on the mark, others probably not so much. We'll track their progress every week with season standings. Think they've picked the wrong teams? Feel free to let them know what you think about all sports at [voice\\_sports@wooster.edu](mailto:voice_sports@wooster.edu).

#### Standings

Jason: 49-18  
Andrew: 45-22  
Chris: 43-24  
Matthew: 39-28

#### NCAA Games

Thursday, Sept. 24  
(A,C,J) #4 Ole Miss at S. Carolina (M)

Saturday, Sept. 26  
(M) #22 UNC at GT (A,C,J)  
(A,J) Wake Forest at BC (M,W)  
(A,C,J) #6 Cal at Oregon (M)  
(C,J) #9 Miami at #11 VT (M,A)  
Illinois at #13 OSU (All)  
Colorado St. at BYU (All)  
Arizona St. at Georgia (All)  
Arizona at Oregon St. (All)  
Iowa at Penn State (All)  
(A,C,J) Notre Dame at Purdue (M)  
(A,C) Texas Tech at #17 Houston (M,J)

#### NFL Games

Sunday, Sept. 27  
(A,C,J) Washington at Detroit (M)  
(All) Green Bay at St. Louis  
(C) San Fran at Minnesota (M,A,J)  
(A,C) Atlanta at New England (M,J)  
(M) Tennessee at NYJ (A,C,J)  
(C) KC at Philadelphia (M,A,J)  
(All) NYG at Tampa Bay  
Cleveland at Baltimore (All)  
(A) Jacksonville at Houston (M,C,J)  
(All) New Orleans at Buffalo

M= Matthew, A = Andrew,  
C= Chris, J= Jason,  
All= Everyone

#### NFL Games

Sunday, Sept. 27  
(A,J) Chicago at Seattle (M,C)  
(A) Miami at San Diego (M,C,J)  
(M,A,J) Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (C)  
(A,C,J) Denver at Oakland (M)  
(A,C,J) Indianapolis at Arizona (M)

Monday, Sept. 28  
Carolina at Dallas (All)

### NCAC Fall Sports Standings

|                   | Field Hockey |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.) Wooster       | (5-0) (5-0)  |
| 2.) Ohio Wesleyan | (2-1) (3-3)  |
| 3.) Denison       | (3-2) (5-4)  |
| 4.) Wittenberg    | (1-2) (3-2)  |
| 5.) Kenyon        | (1-2) (1-6)  |
| 6.) Earlham       | (0-3) (3-3)  |
| 7.) Oberlin       | (0-2) (0-3)  |

|                   | Volleyball   |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.) Wooster       | (9-0) (8-2)  |
| 2.) Wittenberg    | (0-0) (2-1)  |
| 3.) Hiram         | (0-0) (5-4)  |
| 4.) Oberlin       | (0-0) (5-5)  |
| 5.) Allegheny     | (0-0) (5-8)  |
| 6.) Earlham       | (0-0) (2-10) |
| 7.) Kenyon        | (0-0) (1-8)  |
| 8.) Denison       | (0-0) (1-12) |
| 9.) Ohio Wesleyan | (0-0) (0-10) |

|                   | Football    |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1.) Wabash        | (1-0) (2-0) |
| 2.) Wooster       | (1-0) (1-1) |
| 3.) Kenyon        | (1-0) (1-2) |
| 4.) Wittenberg    | (0-0) (2-0) |
| 5.) Allegheny     | (0-0) (2-0) |
| 6.) Earlham       | (0-0) (2-1) |
| 7.) Denison       | (0-1) (1-1) |
| 8.) Hiram         | (0-1) (0-2) |
| 9.) Ohio Wesleyan | (0-1) (0-2) |
| 10.) Oberlin      | (0-0) (0-2) |

|                   | Women's Soccer  |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1.) Wooster       | (6-0-0) (6-0-2) |
| 2.) Hiram         | (0-0-0) (5-1-1) |
| 3.) Ohio Wesleyan | (0-0-0) (4-1-1) |
| 4.) Denison       | (0-0-0) (4-1-1) |
| 5.) Wittenberg    | (0-0-0) (3-0-3) |
| 6.) Earlham       | (0-0-0) (5-2-0) |
| 7.) Allegheny     | (0-0-0) (4-2-0) |
| 8.) Oberlin       | (0-0-0) (2-3-2) |
| 9.) Kenyon        | (0-0-0) (2-5-0) |

### FRIDAY CONVERSATION

Sports Editor Chris Weston recently talked to men's soccer forward Scott Buckwald '10. Buckwald and the Scots have started the season flirting with .500, with a 3-3-1 record their first six games.

Buckwald was named to the NCAC All-Conference honorable mention list last year after leading the team in goals (7) and points (18). As a senior captain this year, Buckwald already has four goals and 11 points.

**CW:** Last year, the team was 6-10-1 after a somewhat undesirable season. Entering this season as captain, what was your main focus for the team?

**SB:** To get everyone on the same page, try to build more chemistry. We had a good recruiting class that came in. They provide us a lot of depth off the bench so we're pretty happy with them. They can give us a lot more options, get everyone healthy, like Josh Manson '10, he's coming back from injury from his ligament tear in his knee. He's back now. He gives us a lot more options. He gives us more subs in the back.

**CW:** Last season, you were all NCAC honorable mention. Coming into this year, what were your personal goals?

**SB:** Do the best I can do, help the teammates out. Just play, how I usually play.

**CW:** Much has been said about the scoring drought from last season's team. So far this season, you have already scored 11 goals, and are well on pace to break last season's total. How do you explain the recent success in being able to score?

**SB:** Like I said, more options. We got a lot of players who can play well for us. We have a transfer, Yousef Aliakbar '11, he gives us more options up front. The freshmen that are coming in are really offensive-minded. We got Davis Bates '10 and Chris Demoll '11 who can come out for us and be effective. A lot more experience in general, which I really think is the main thing.

**CW:** After starting out 2-0-1, you seemed to start slipping, hitting a three game skid. How did you rebound from that for a 3-0 win against Marietta on Tuesday afternoon?

**SB:** Like Coach Ford says, it's all about who shows up on the day. We hit a drought. We lost against Defiance, who we should have done better against, but we just need to get everyone on the same page and fire everyone up. It's about who shows up on the day and Tuesday night we showed up and our scoring was there, our defense was there, and as a team we played as a team, that's what's important.

**CW:** Looking ahead a little bit, conference rival Ohio Wesleyan University is ranked third in the country. Realizing the game is not until mid-October, how will you guys go about preparing for that game?

**SB:** We usually don't look ahead. We go game by game, but similar to two years ago we had [Ohio Wesleyan] up 1-0, and they were ranked and everything, and they scored with 39 seconds left in the game. It was unfortunate but we usually don't look ahead, game by game. We just play the games as they come.

**CW:** On Saturday you have a home game against Kenyon. They are 5-2 so far this season, and beat you guys 1-0 last year in your only meeting. What is your plan to win in front of the homecoming crowd this weekend?

**SB:** The atmosphere is going to play a big part. It is one of our biggest games. We love beating Kenyon. They're a great team, we're a great team, so it is going to be a really good game. We just have to get everyone fired up on the same page again and hopefully we can have our offense and our defense on like we were against Marietta.

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